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SUBJECT: BELGIUM TO RECOGNIZE KOSOVO, FORMAL ACTION
AWAITING ROYAL DECREE

REF: A. SECSTATE 16245 AND B. SECSTATE 16319

[1](#)1. (SBU) Per ref A request, Ambassador spoke with Belgian FM De Gucht regarding developments at the Security Council. De Gucht made clear that he already had issued instructions to support the USG position on continued discussion of Kosovo.

[1](#)2. (SBU) The Minister made clear to EU colleagues during the February 18 GAERC that Belgium would recognize the new state of Kosovo, according to a senior aide. Formal action must await the promulgation of a Royal Decree, which is expected shortly. Embassy will report when this step has occurred.
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